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DONBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DONBURN'S GOAL

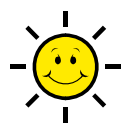
To provide a vibrant, attractive and safe teaching and learning environment, growing and evolving in harmony with the community.

"LEARNING FOR LIVING"

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"Be Sunsmart!"

D	Monday	12 March	Labour Day Holiday
	Tuesday - Thursday	13-15 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
I	Wednesday	14 March	P & F Meeting - AGM
	Monday	19 March	School Council - AGM
A	Friday	23 March	Curriculum Day
	Wednesday	28 March	Gr 3/4 Camp Information Evening 7.00-7.45 pm
R	Friday	30 March	End of Term 2.30 pm Dismissal
	Monday	16 April	Term 2 commences
Y	Wednesday - Friday	18 April -20 April	Gr 3/4 Camp

Dear Parents

Victoria's plan to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes

Literacy and numeracy skills provide the foundation for lifelong learning, rewarding and satisfying work, and a fulfilling personal life. Without these skills, young people will struggle to realise their full potential and Victoria will miss out on the substantial social and economic benefits generated from an educated, productive and engaged population.

On 19 February 2007, Victoria released its draft literacy and numeracy plan for community consultation. The paper sets out a ten year vision for the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to work together to:

- **Value good teaching** and make sure we have the best teachers possible in all our schools;
- Build a **culture of improvement** in our schools; and
- Direct our resources to where they can most **make a difference**.

The most efficient way to ensure these initiatives are coordinated across levels of government is to create an integrated approach to government investment. The Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance estimates that the reform set out in the plan could lead to future fiscal benefits to governments of around \$1 billion per annum - the majority of which would flow to the Commonwealth.

Victoria has committed \$312 million in new funds over four years to boost literacy and numeracy.

At Donburn we are constantly evaluating the work we are doing with our students and we greatly value the contributions that parents make, both at home and in the classroom. I would be interested to hear from any parents who would like to work on a one on one basis with one of our senior students (perhaps 4 times per week) to help improve the student's literacy skills.

Two training programs will be on offer and I would encourage you to consider being part of this very worthwhile program. "Bridging the Gap" training/information sessions will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 21 March and Thursday 22 March 9 am - 11 am. I hope you would consider becoming involved - you certainly would make a huge difference to the self esteem of one of our students. Please refer to the "Expression of Interest" included in this Newsletter.

Regards

Kevin Sertori - Principal